

National Advisory Committee for Implementation of the National Forest System Land Management Planning Rule

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Adam Cramer, Dispersed Recreation Representative

Executive Director, Outdoor Alliance.

Bethesda, Maryland.

Adam was a member of the Planning Rule advisory committee, serving on the outreach work group. He is currently the Policy Architect and Counsel for the Outdoor Alliance, a coalition of six national, member-based human powered outdoor recreation organizations, including Access Fund, American Canoe Association, American Hiking Society, American Whitewater, International Mountain Bicycling Association and Winter Wildlands Alliance.



Gabriel Vasquez, Public at-large Representative

Latino Outdoors.

Washington, D.C.

Gabriel currently serves as Vice President of Communications for First Focus Campaign for Children. He also has previous experience working in collaborative settings, as well as being an active participant in the Centennial Coalition, which works to create an inclusive vision the next 100-years for our public lands. Gabe is an avid hiker, trail runner, and fisherman.

Region 1



Russ Ehnes, Developed Outdoor or Commercial Recreation Representative

National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council.

Great Falls, Montana.

Russ is the executive director of the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council. He is a member of the Western Governors Association "Get Out West" Advisory Group and participates in the travel management planning on the Lewis&Clark National Forest. Mr. Ehnes was a part of the Planning Rule Advisory Committee and served on the Outreach work group.



Peter Nelson, Environmental Organization Representative

Defenders of Wildlife.

Bozeman, MT.

Pete served on the Planning Rule Advisory Committee, serving on the species of conservation concern and adaptive management work groups. He is Director for the Federal Lands Program at the Defenders of Wildlife. Prior to this, Pete spent time with the University of Washington, College of Forest Resources and with the Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station, and also Biodiversity Northwest.



Martin Nie, Scientific Community Representative

Professor, University of Montana.

Missoula, Montana.

Martin Nie is Director of the Bolle Center for People and Forests and Professor of Natural Resources Policy at the University of Montana. Among other responsibilities, Nie serves on workgroups focused on adaptive management, plan components, and species of conservation concern.

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Angela Sondenaa, Conservation or Watershed Association Representative

Ecologist, Nez Perce Tribe.
Lapwai, Idaho.

Angela served on the Planning Rule Advisory Committee, serving on the species of conservation concern and adaptive management work groups. She brings a wealth of specialized experience in land management, environmental review, project management, watershed assessments, and grant writing. She manages a diverse workforce, seeks funding sources, and interacts with tribal members in her capacity as Precious Lands Project Leader for the Nez Perce Tribe.



Tom Troxel, Timber Industry Representative

Executive Director, Intermountain Forest Association.
Rapid City, South Dakota.

Prior to serving on this committee, Tom served on the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board. Before becoming the executive director for Intermountain Forest Association, Tom worked for the Forest Service for over 15 years. He was a member of the previous Planning Rule Advisory Committee, serving on the Outreach work group and working on the Citizen's Guide.

Region 2



Joan May, County or Local-elected Office Representative

County Commissioner of San Miguel, Colorado.
Telluride, Colorado.

Joan was a member of the previous Planning Rule Advisory Committee, serving on the Outreach work group while working on the Citizens Guide. She is also a member of the coalition to protect the Gunnison Sage-grouse, and a board member for Outdoor Alliance. Before this she was the executive director of Sheep Mountain Alliance.



Caitlyn Pollihan, Alternate

Council of Western State Foresters.
Denver, Colorado.

Caitlyn is the Executive Director of Council of Western State Foresters, who once served as Action Deputy Director for Fire & Aviation Management in the USDA Forest Service in 2012. She is also a member of the National Council of Forestry Association and USDA Forest Service State & Private Forestry Board.

Region 3



Valerie Huerta, Private Landowner/Grazing Representative

New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau.
Espanola, New Mexico.

Valerie Huerta is a Regional Director for New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau. She represents constituents in New Mexico, serving as a liaison on their behalf with legislators, policy makers and other stakeholders on critical issues. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration-Management and has extensive experience in: federal, state and local program management; grant-writing and administration; and organizational and community development.

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Region 4



Robert Cope, State-elected Office Representative

Former County Commissioner of Lemhi County, Idaho.

Salmon, Idaho.

Robert served as a member of Planning Rule Advisory Committee and Fire and Adaptive Management working group, under the previous committee. Additionally, Cope has served on the Roadless Area Conservation National Advisory Committee, the Idaho Public Lands Committee, and the Idaho State Fire Plan working group. Although retired from the county, Cope keeps busy as a veterinarian.



Jim Magagna, Private Landowner/Grazing Representative

Wyoming Stock Growers Association.

Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Jim is the Executive Vice President of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association. Jim is a rancher operating on private, state and federal lands. He has held numerous grazing permits on Bridger-Teton National Forest and Shoshone National Forest. He was a part of the last Planning Rule advisory committee, serving on the outreach and objections work groups.

Region 5

Michelle Nuttall, Energy and Mineral Development Representative

Southern California Edison.

Lakewood, California.

Michelle currently represents Southern California Edison on multi-stakeholder committees with regulators, elected officials, NGOs, & industry representatives. She also sits on the Antelope Valley Regional Conservation Framework Steering Committee and co-chaired the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative committee, which provided joint stakeholder recommendations to the Angeles National Forest on its recent Forest Plan amendment under the 2012 Planning Rule.

Region 6



Mike Anderson, Environmental Organization Representative

Senior Resource Analyst, The Wilderness Society.

Seattle, WA.

Mike was a member of the Planning Rule advisory committee, serving on the wilderness work group and adaptive management work groups. He brings over 27 years of professional experience working on national forest law, planning, and policy. He has reviewed and prepared critiques for numerous forest plans and is a co-author of Wilkinson & Anderson, Land and Resource Planning in the National Forests.



Billy Barquin, American Indian Tribe Representative

Attorney General, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho.

Portland, Oregon.

Billy served the Committee under the previous two Charters, assisting in the development of new wilderness planning directives and the Government Guide. Billy is Eastern Shoshone and Oglala Lakota. He has served as the Attorney General for the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho since 2008. He has extensive experience in natural resource law and policy and has negotiated and advocated on behalf of Tribes throughout his legal career.

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Susan Jane Brown, Conservation Organization or Watershed Association Representative

Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center.
Eugene, Oregon.

Susan Jane previously served as co-chair for the Committee. She is a peer reviewer for the Society of American Foresters' Journal of Forestry and a partner at Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition. Susan Jane has long standing involvement in federal forest law and policy, authored books, and taught law courses on forest policy.



Karen Hardigg, Alternate

Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition.
Portland, Oregon.

Karen is the Coordinator Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition. She has held an array of positions including but not limited to: Transition Framework Manager USDA Forest Service, Deputy Regional Director The Wilderness Society Alaska, and former TNC/USFS liaison as Tongass youth-growth transition coordinator.



Lindsay Warness, Timber Industry Representative

Boise Cascade Company.
La Grande, Oregon.

Lindsay is the Forest Policy Analyst for the North East Oregon Region of Boise Cascade. She is currently a member of three place-based collaboratives working in the Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman, and Malheur National Forests. In addition to her responsibilities as a collaborative member, Lindsay works directly with the Forest Service through the NEPA process, coordinates public outreach and education on behalf of Boise Cascade, and advocates for active management of our national forest system to better mitigate the dangers of unchecked insects and disease as well as reduce the danger of uncharacteristic wildfire.

Region 8



Angelou Ezeilo, Youth Representative

Chief Executive Officer, Greening Youth Foundation.
Snellville, Georgia.

Angelou serves as founder and CEO of Greening Youth Foundation. She sits on the advisory board for several organizations including: Keeping It Wild, Inc., Million Mile Greenway Inc., and Outdoor Afro. Previously, Angelou served as Project Manager for the Trust for Public Land in New Jersey and Georgia.



Megan Sutton, Conservation Organization or Watershed Association Representative

The Nature Conservancy.
Asheville, North Carolina.

Megan serves as Chair of the Nantahala Pisgah National Forest Restoration Collaborative, and was a founding member of the Southern Blue Ridge Fire Learning Network. She has also often provided scientific resources to the USFS staff to conduct ecological evaluation of burn units.

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Ray Vaughan, Public at-large Representative

Former Founder and Executive Director of Wildlaw.

Montgomery, Alabama.

Ray will served as co-chair of the committee from 2012-2014. He is an active member of the amendments, adaptive management, and wilderness work groups

Region 9



Dan Dessecker, Commercial or Recreational Hunting and Fishing Representative

Ruffed Grouse Society.

Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

Dan is the Director of Conservation Policy at the Ruffed Grouse Society. Prior to this committee, Dan served on the Sporting Conservation Council and is a founding member of the American Wildlife Conservation Partner. He served on the Planning Rule Advisory Committee, contributing to the Outreach, species of conservation concern, and assessment work groups.



Candice Price, Youth Representative

Chief Executive Officer, Urban American Outdoors.

Kansas City, Missouri.

Candice was a member of Planning Rule advisory committee, serving on the Outreach work group and Citizen Guide. She brings over 25 years of multimedia service and experience. She is currently CEO of Urban American Outdoors that produces the first diverse outdoor lifestyle TV show in the United States and creator of Urban Kids Fish experience. Candice is also a certified hunter education instructor.